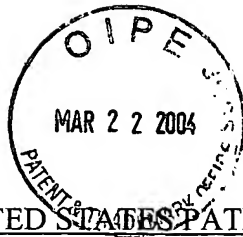


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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the European Search Report. At least some of the references were recently cited in a European Search Report mailed March 1, 2004.

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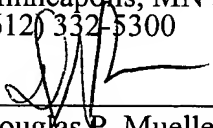
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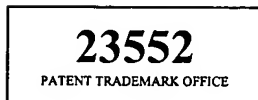
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